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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending in the application.

Claims 18 through 21 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of continuing applications thereon.

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The Office Action of March 27 restricts the claims into two groups:

Group I, Claims 1 through 17 drawn to products in accordance with the invention; and

Group II, Claims 18 through 21, drawn to processes used to form products in accordance with the invention.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, i.e. Claims 1 through 17, directed to products in accordance with the invention. Accordingly, please cancel Claims 18 through 21, solely to advance prosecution of the above-referenced case and without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of continuing applications thereon, as noted above.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 1 through 17 are in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event

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that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, the fees are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

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